



September 14, 2018

Hon. Joseph Fiordaliso
President, Board of Public Utilities
State of New Jersey
Trenton, NJ 08625

RE: Reducing Energy Consumption

Dear President Fiordaliso:

The New Jersey Chapter of the US Green Building Council (USGBC NJ) appreciates this opportunity to provide input to the 2019 Energy Master Plan (EMP). We offer the following main points for our testimony today, and will submit more specific and detailed comments and recommendations prior to the close of the public comment period.

1. First and foremost, Societal Benefit Charge Funds must be made sacrosanct and must be used for their intended purpose.
2. Train Code Enforcement Officers on the Energy Code as it currently exists and push for greater enforcement.
 - a. There is very poor or no enforcement of the existing code.
 - b. The current clean energy programs are limited and too narrow for commercial improvements.
 - c. The programs are cumbersome and difficult.
 - d. Adopt the IGCC for all buildings receiving state funding in any form over 10,000 square feet.
 - e. This effort has been ongoing for over 8 years with little success
 - f. Reinstigate a residential energy program to both educate and encourage residential energy conservation.
 - g. Allow for a sliding scale on rebates for homeowners that allow for larger rebates to low and moderate - income households to encourage energy conservation improvements up to 100% of the cost of such improvements.
 - h. All new buildings 10,000 square feet receiving state funding achieve LEED Silver or higher.
 - i. All existing state owned buildings achieve LEED Certification over the next 10 years
 - j. Current policy is state owned building 15,000 square feet & greater achieve LEED silver, Green Globes or equivalent however, we believe there is inconsistent adherence to the policy.

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